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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, f	irst an	d sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if
plural names are listed below	w) of i	he subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
SYSTEM AND A TWO-PA	ISS A	LGORITHM FOR DETERMINING THE OPTIMUM ACCESS PATH FOR MULTI-TABLE
SQL QUERIES, the specific	ation	of which
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was filed on ______ as Application Serial No. _______

and was amended on _______ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35. United States Code, § 119 (a) – (d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 165(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

	Priority Claimed	
None		- Na
(Number)(Country)(Day, month, year filed)	Yes	No
Number)(Country)(Day, month, year filed)	Yes	No
Number)(Country)(Day, month, year filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35. United States Code, § 119(e) and 120 of any United States application(s) or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

NONE		Priority Claimed	<u>1:</u>
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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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